

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - January 14th 2015



New member of staff

At the start of term, a new member of staff started at our school. Richard Whitenstall is an apprentice Teaching Assistant and will be working at our school for 18 months, whilst also completing a Teaching Assistant qualification at college. Richard is initially based in Reception class.



PE specialist teaching

This half term, Adam Pilkington, the specialist PE teacher from John Spence High School, will be teaching Year 2 and Year 3 for one of their weekly PE lessons.

School meals census day

Catering Services will once again be supporting all Primary Schools in encouraging the take-up of school meals with the return of a fun day, where the children get their meal in a lunch box. You may have already noticed the posters and banners are already promoting the day, and catering have also sent a message out to all parents on Joinos, encouraging them to join in the fun. For those parents who pay for meals, there is also the opportunity to buy just one meal only if their children would not normally stay for a school lunch, to ensure no one misses out. The special fun day lunch will be on Thursday 15th January.

Archery club

This half term, Mrs Udberg has again arranged a fantastic range of after school clubs for the children. For the first time, we are running an archery club - it was just like watching the training for the Hunger Games! It was an excellent turn out and the children had a tremendous time. Here are a few of photos of last week's session: more are on our website under 'galleries'.



SATs meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended last week's SATs meeting with Mr Burgess. If you have any further questions about SATS, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Scholastic book orders

Mrs Royle has sent out the Scholastic Magazine today, and the closing date for orders is Friday 23rd January; cheques made payable to PGPS (sorry no debit or credit card payments).

Congratulations !

Very well done to the netball team for their successes before the end of last term, after which, the following girls have been selected to be part of Mr Pilkington's netball dream team (dates and fixtures are to be confirmed): Milly Longstaff, Robyn Hasnip-Walker, Rebecca Harrison, Megan Holroyd and Sophie Tanner. Well done girls, Preston Grange are making up a significant proportion of the JSCHS team.

We are also very proud that Jack O'Brien in Year 6 gained the highest score in Sumdog, an online Maths competition, out of a total of 350 children in North Tyneside !



Athletics award

We are delighted that Alex Cleave in Year 6 was selected from 700 children to represent North Tyneside at the Tyne and Wear Sportshall Athletics at Temple Park, South Shields yesterday. Alex participated in the javelin, standing vertical jump and relay race. The boys North Tyneside Athletics Team came 2nd out of 5 regions, and it was a tremendous achievement for Alex to have been selected. We are very proud of him and look forward to seeing his medal and certificate. Well done Alex !

Dance Festival

Later this term, Year 2 are entering the North Tyneside Dance Festival, which will be held at The Parks. This half term, Laura Roberts, a dance teacher, will be working with Year 2 in one of their PE lessons in order to work with the children to choreograph a dance on the theme of 'transport'. Further details about the dance festival will be sent out in due course.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesdays this term - Year 3 Swimming. **Please note, all children need their swimming kit every week thanks.**

Tuesdays - Year 5 Basketball Coaching in PE

Wed 14th Jan - Year 5/6 Hoops for Health Roadshow (Newcastle Eagles)

Thurs 22nd Jan - Year 5/6 Hockey at JSCHS

Tues 3rd Feb - Hoops 4 Health Tournament at Lakeside

Tues 10th Feb - Tanya Bentham storyteller in Year 5 (Saxons) & Year 4 (Greeks)

Thurs 12th Feb - Year 5 Puberty, school nurse

Fri 13th Feb - Break up for half term

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, January 13th 2015



UPDATE:

Our Maggie's total stands currently at £3392.90. Thanks to everyone for your support !